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SUBJECT: REPORT ON EXPORT CONTROLS

REF: A) VIENNA 2678; B) STATE 70511; C) ROOT-AMBACH
LETTER OF MARCH 20

1. ON THE BASIS OF OUR RECENT EXPERIENCE THE BEST ADVICE WE CAN OFFER REGARDING THE EMBASSY'S ABILITY TO PURSUE EXCON RESPONSIBILITIES IN A NEUTRAL COUNTRY WITH WEAK EXPORT CONTROL LAWS AND PROCEDURES IS THAT THAT ABILITY IS INVERSELY RELATED TO THE AMOUNT OF PUBLICITY ABOUT SUCH ACTIVITIES. IN FACT, EVER PRESENT AUSTRIAN SENSITIVITIES SEEM HEIGHTENED NOW BY DEVELOPMENT OF VERY SIZABLE TRADE DEFICIT AND ACCOMPANYING DECLINE IN FAVORABLE BALANCE OF TRADE WITH CEMA MEMBER COUNTRIES. HAVING SAID THIS, WE RECOGNIZE NEED FOR REQUIRED REPORTS AND SUGGEST THAT PURELY FACTUAL PORTIONS OF REF A BE USED FOR THIS PURPOSE. THE DELETIONS WE WOULD RECOMMEND ARE DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW. SINCE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AUSTRIAN EMBASSY REPS ON THIS QUESTION, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE SANITIZED STATEMENT BE SHOWN TO THEM PRIOR TO RELEASE FOR PUBLICATION.

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2. WE RECOMMEND DELETION OF FOLLOWING PORTIONS OF VIENNA 2678 BEFORE INCORPORATING IT IN A PUBLIC REPORT.

A) PARA 2 (1) SENTENCE BEGINNING "RATIONALE FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES..." AND ENDING "NOT PRODUCED IN AUSTRIA."

B) PARA 2 (1) PHRASE "E.G. USG REEXPORT CONTROLS" IN

LAST SENTENCE.

- C) PARA 2 (4) SENTENCE BEGINNING "THE TRADE MINISTRY..." AND ENDING WITH "RECOGNIZE THESE AS LAW."
- D) ALL OF PARA 2 (5).

3. OUR COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC POINTS IN ROOT-AMBACH LETTER FOLLOW.

- A) WE WOULD AGREE THAT FIRST QUOTED PARAGRAPH OF SECTION 1 APPLIES AS WELL TO AUSTRIAN SITUATION.
- B) SECOND QUOTED PARAGRAPH IN SECTION 1 ACKNOWLEDGES INDIGENOUS EXPORT CONTROLS. SINCE OUR DESCRIPTION OF THE AUSTRIAN SYSTEM POINTS TO THE MANY GAPS IN THESE, WE THINK IT WOULD BE WELL TO QUALIFY THE SENTENCE "THEY DO MAINTAIN NATIONAL CONTROLS."--PERHAPS BY ADDING "SOME FORM OF"--TO AVOID THE IMPRESSION THAT THESE LOCAL CONTROLS CAN OR DO REALISTICALLY SERVE US PURPOSES OF TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CONTROL.
- C) SECTION 2 POSES QUESTIONS WHICH WE FEEL ARE BEYOND OUR PERSPECTIVE. WE WOULD ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT ANSWERS TO THESE AND RELATED MATTERS FORMULATED IN WASHINGTON WOULD TAKE MATERIAL WE HAVE SUBMITTED INTO CONSIDERATION.
- D) WE AGREE FULLY WITH THE STATEMENTS PROVIDED IN SECTION 3 AND SEE NO NEED TO INSERT SPECIAL NON-ALIGNED LANGUAGE.

4. REFERENCE A, AS MODIFIED PER PARAGRAPH TWO ABOVE, HAS CONFIDENTIAL

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BEEN COORDINATED WITH THE RESPONSIBLE SECTIONS OF THE AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY AND THEY HAVE INDICATED THEIR SATISFACTION WITH THE POSITIONS AS DESCRIBED THEREIN. THEY HAVE ALSO INDICATED THEY INTEND TO SUPPLY THEIR REPRESENTATIVE IN WASHINGTON WITH THE BASIS OF OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE, PROBABLY TO INCLUDE THE TEXT OF REFERENCE A AS THEY SAW IT.

5. AS PART OF OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOA OFFICIALS HERE, THE POINT WAS STRESSED THAT THEY WOULD PREFER EXPORT CONTROLS TO FUNCTION VIA THE FIRMS INVOLVED, I.E. IN THE PRIVATE LICENSING PROCESS, RATHER THAN ATTEMPTING TO SEEK AID OR COOPERATION FROM THE GOA DIRECTLY TO INFLUENCE OR PREVENT DIVERSIONS. WE SEE THIS AS STRENGTHENING OUR POINTS IN PARAGRAPH ONE ABOVE AND CONCLUDE THE GOA WILL RESIST ANY REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL OVERT SUPPORT FOR COCOM CONTROLS. BORG

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